

ELECTROCUTION

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Is patient alert?
Is patient breathing normally?
If household electrocution, was it the dryer, stove, or other 220 volt source.
Is patient still in contact with the source?
Are there any other injuries? If so what are they?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
Decreased level of consciousness.
Multiple Casualty Incident Criteria.
Reported DOA until evaluation by responsible party.
Burns to airway, nose, or mouth.
Burns over 20% of body surface.
Burns from 220 volt or higher source

BLS DISPATCH

Household electrical shock without critical symptoms

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Do not touch the patient if in contact with the source of electricity.

Beware of liquid spills that could conduct electricity.

If it is safe to do so, turn off the power.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

Prompts

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

Is fire department needed?

Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units